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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT : [] Concerning [] System 17
Mission Switching Problem

1. I have completely reviewed [] message. Needless to say we all share the same concern on missions where pilots do not for one reason or another manipulate switches as planned and briefed. The philosophies cited in reference message are for all intents and purposes the same that Headquarters, Unit and Industry reps employ in their inputs to configuration control board actions and the more recent D/M requirements review actions. It is Staff opinion that we should not further complicate cockpit visual or oral environment with unnecessary tones, lights and etc. You will recall that we have just recently cleared up an accumulation of non-desirable cockpit tones and alarms with the development of the integrated cockpit display. Likewise, the addition of [] are not in order.

2. Recommend we continue our coordinated efforts to simplify the integrated cockpit environment to the maximum extent possible. Further stress the need for training and understanding on the part of all pilots []

Equally as important is the need to stress supervisory actions from the Headquarters Staff all the way to the cockpit. I believe we can enhance mission success more in this area than we can from the recommended changes.

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